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HOW DID YOU FIND THE MATERIALS YOU USED TO THINK WITH when deciding what religion you would accept - or when deciding to reject them all? In my case I set out at the age of seventeen to try to get the facts about various religions. I visited the ministers in my town and asked them why they believed what they did, also I visited a Catholic priest - the latter being the only one who seemed to know anything about the history and development of Christianity. I went through the pages of the encyclopedia and got a bit of the history of religions, but found no article touching on the basic things which I needed in order to decide what dogmas were rational and what were not. The slanted, colored and timid articles at first made me suspicious, then disgusted and angry. I decided that religions had been concocted by fools and idiots. I rejected Mormonism and Christian Science, then ran into a man who introduced me to Yoga of sorts and the complicated and confusing Theosophical Society digest of world religions and, especially, of the six major religions of India. I poured over the poorly organized masses of material assembled by Mme. Blavatsky and over the writings of other Theosophists who tried to condense and simplify the information which had been gathered concerning the traditions and GUESSES of the ancient sages who had worked to explain man and the universe in terms of a kind which fitted their day and time. I read some of the literature of India as translated from ancient original writings. I joined the Theosophical Society and became more and more convinced that the dogmas were man-made and dangerous to accept without careful comparison with all similar dogmas from other religious systems. Like so many men in modern times, the scantness of basic information tripped me up at every turn. If one accepted a few dogmas one risked falling into the trap of blind belief. If one applied reason to the dogmas in an effort to test their validity, one was tempted to toss aside everything and go over to Materialism. I went over to Materialism. But I was not satisfied. I still had the uneasy feeling that mixed in with all the guesses of the past, there must be certain elements of truth. I plunged into the study of the thin and contradictory subject of PSYCHOLOGY, and found at the same time that it was entirely incapable of explaining the gathering evidence of the "supernatural" in Psychical Research. I was unable to think things through for lack of basic information and because the literature of each religious cult threw mud in my eyes.

When I chanced to go to Hawaii and blundered into the odd and tangled materials of the dying kahuna religions, I was for years unable to make head or tail of the provocative system because I could not find the needed information to use to think through the problems that confronted me. In other words, I was unable to provide for myself a proper background of information or experience against which to try to take the measure of the beliefs and practices of the kahunas. The Materialists had already plowed this field lightly, but in their learned writings, not one had ventured an opinion as to the nature of fire-walking. What does not fit into the preconceived set of beliefs of the Materialist is always explained away by saying, "It is impossible and therefore cannot be." This applies to everything from fire-walking to ghosts.

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WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THAT we of the HRA will soon be ready in our project of surveying religions by the dim light of Huna, to take a long, hard look at Christianity. I am trying to get across to those of you who may be interested the fact that not until I came across the assembled materials in Dr. Larson's book, have I been able to find enough basic facts to allow me to do a satisfactory job of considering Christianity and coming to a tentative conclusion concerning its values. I am trying to convince YOU that here is something we have all needed to give us the facts behind the mountains of fiction built up by priests and preachers and the authors of "revelations". I make only one reservation in my excited and delighted recommendation of Dr. Larson's findings. This is in the matter of the coded Huna which we seem to have found in early Christian writings, and which present such things as the Crucifixion as nothing more than a part of the several Huna symbols of man's need of getting rid of fixations and spirit influences in order to win through to free communication with his own High Self. I have sent Dr. Larson a set of my books and have asked him to consider the possible validity of the code - also, from his great store of information, to watch for some pointer of an historical nature which might lead us to more information concerning the source in Christian writings of both secret and open Huna beliefs. He wrote recently, "As to the ideas you discuss, I will have to examine the whole before I can analyze them intelligently. To delve back into history for the origin of ideas is most fascinating." Naturally, I am greatly pleased, no matter what the outcome, for I have never yet been able - that is, up to now - to get a single man of any standing whatsoever in the ranks of the learned to pay the slightest attention to my findings concerning the lore of the kahunas. From the head of the Roman Catholic Church down to the changing heads of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, I have had my request for an examination of my findings met with vast and haughty silence. (Not that I have really expected anything more at any time.) Spend the price of a tank of gasoline and buy yourself an education such as you cannot buy, so far as I know, in any university in the world today. If only in terms of amusement, the book will beautifully reward you by explaining the incredible feat of a recent Pope of the Church of Rome, by which he produced proof sufficient to the needs of the faithful, that the woman, Mary, was actually the mother of Supreme God. Read the steps by which such a conclusion was reached and the dogma promulgated (with damnation for all who refuse to accept it as the final and most absolute truth). If you do not agree with me that religion is still being concocted by fools and idiots, I will agree to attend one Mass - with a straight face - and go through the motions of assisting to "eat the god" according to the dictates of Catholic soterology current in this Year of Grace, 1961. Or, as a Protestant compromise, I will return to the Baptist Church of my childhood and solemnly drink the blood of the sacrificed Jesus from a small glass filled with unfermented grape juice. If you have ever asked yourself, "How silly can we get?" read this book and learn at least part of the answer.

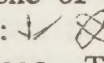
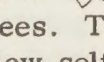
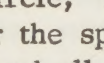
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RATHER STARTLING THINGS HAVE DEVELOPED in the matter of the new method of making PSYCHOMETRIC ANALYSIS READINGS of the spirit "eating companions" of individuals. I am keeping at hand a good supply of salt so that I can take all the strange new findings with several large grains. (We had all better take this precaution as we go forward in this part of the field.) The strangest of several difficult-to-believe things which I seem to have got from my low self via the pendulum and the P.A. code of meanings, has been the indication that a gentleman (stranger to me) who wrote and sent his picture, was NOT the rightful owner of the body, but was the obsessing spirit, using the body and in control of it almost all of the time. The gentleman sent me literature on a project aimed at making important E.S.P. tests and invited me to close up shop here and come to be his guest and take part in his planned efforts. He has authored some books "from the other side", so to speak, and his signature was of the kind one can never make out unless it is reproduced in print below. The picture showed him bearded and with rather commanding blue eyes. All in all a most intriguing subject and one inviting me to make a test and learn from it about him.

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THIS BRINGS UP other questions. One wishes to know whether the several spirits involved in dual and multiple "personality" cases were aware (except when made to surface and talk through the use of hypnosis) of the fact that they were obsessing the body of a living person. This is a complicated problem because we must consider whether or not one self or both a low and middle self is involved in the shifting control of the living body. In my book, SSBM, I belabored all these changes and the various combinations as Huna reveals them, and pointed to the memory of the low self as the probable clue to who was dominant and who was not. If the resident low self is pushed out and replaced by a ghostly one, there would be reciprocal amnesia in which memories would change with the change of entities. If the gentleman with the strange reading replies in a friendly manner, I may eventually dare to tell him what I suspect, and question him as to where his memories fit into the picture. As a spirit, his degree reading places him in the top of the level where we find the natural mediums - at 354. The resident (if he can get back his body at times) reads 330 degrees, and he would be hardly psychic. Also, in his level people seldom are interested in psychic matters.

TO ADD TO THE PUZZLEMENT, a few of the HRAs have plunged with shouts of glee into the trying out of the new method. To one it was not so new, as he had already been hard at work asking for readings on the "Guardian Angel" as well as the High Self of persons being read. He even went beyond that to ask for the "highest reading" possible, considering what still higher entities might be overshadowing the one read. Another HRA has about decided that all of us are entertaining as "eating companions" one or more spirits. He thinks that for the most part these are good spirits who refrain from grabbing the body and who wish only to help when they can. He read for me, and while I cannot yet say that "I feel like a new man - or like two or three new men", I must admit that the possibility of having a kahuna of high degree standing (as he thinks I have) to help me from the other side, is most provocative. Then there is also the reading passed on to me for my Guardian Angel, and for my High Self and for Something even higher. One suggestion has been made that the Great Company of High Selves, of which one is a charge, may give a very high blanket reading. The several readings sent in for High Selves vary from 500 to 800 degrees, and it has been further suggested that one's High Self might not need to be as evolved and high in degree as we may have supposed. Still another HRA writes to urge that his idea and that of our famous dowser, Verne Cameron, be accepted and that we say that the low self does not make the P.A. reading - but that the work is done by our Guardian Angel or by some spirit guide of good ability and which never fails to be on hand to respond instantly when we pick up the pendulum and wish to make a reading. While this possibility must certainly be listed as such, and while the arguments in favor of this are such that they demand close study, I still prefer, personally, to believe that the low self is the one who can follow the aka thread and find the writer of a signature, then examine him and make a report via the P.A. code. I admit that this demands rather more intelligence than Huna seems to assign to the low self, but, on the other hand, I, as a middle self, find that I have no ability at all to project myself, find the subject and learn things about him or about the spirits who may be acting as "eating companions." We need more information and more definite proof on both sides - but how can we get it?

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TO ADD TO THE PUZZLEMENT, a few of the HRAs have plunged with shouts of glee into the trying out of the new method. To one it was not so new, as he had already been hard at work asking for readings on the "Guardian Angel" as well as the High Self of persons being read. He even went beyond that to ask for the "highest reading" possible, considering what still higher entities might be overshadowing the one read. Another HRA has about decided that all of us are entertaining as "eating companions" one or more spirits. He thinks that for the most part these are good spirits who refrain from grabbing the body and who wish only to help when they can. He read for me, and while I cannot yet say that "I feel like a new man - or like two or three new men", I must admit that the possibility of having a kahunas of high degree standing (as he thinks I have) to help me from the other side, is most provocative. Then there is also the reading passed on to me for my Guardian Angel, and for my High Self and for something even higher. One suggestion has been made that the Great Company of High Selves, of which one is a charge, may give a very high blanket reading. The several readings sent in for High Selves vary from 500 to 800 degrees, and it has been further suggested that one's High Self might not need to be as evolved and high in degree as we may have supposed. Still another HRA writes to urge that his idea and that of our famous dowser, Verne Cameron, be accepted and that we say that the low self does not make the P.A. reading - but that the work is done by our Guardian Angel or by some spirit guide of good ability and which never fails to be on hand to respond instantly when we pick up the pendulum and wish to make a reading. While this possibility must certainly be listed as such, and while the arguments in favor of this are such that they demand close study, I still prefer, personally, to believe that the low self is the one who can follow the aka thread and find the writer of a signature, then examine him and make a report via the P.A. code. I admit that this demands rather more intelligence than Huna seems to assign to the low self, but, on the other hand, I, as a middle self, find that I have no ability at all to project myself, find the subject and learn things about him or about the spirits who may be acting as "eating companions." We need more information and more definite proof on both sides - but how can we get it?

ALL JOKING ASIDE, as absurd as this new method and its results may seem, we must not discount its great promise. If we are not all obsessed or are not obsessing some other poor person and his body, the insight we may gain through the use of the new method may be the "saving grace" of psychology and of psychic science (to say nothing of some facet of religion) in days to come.

A number of the HRAs who have in the past asked me to make P.A. readings of themselves or of loved ones, wrote at once after reading of the new break-through, and asked that the readings be repeated, using the new method, to see what additional information might be obtained. One thing which may be of importance is the indication that migraine headaches may be caused by a spirit in the aka body, perhaps just an isolated low self spirit which has been in some way separated from its own middle self. Also, it may be found that such an isolated low self spirit may be responsible for "emotional instability" in some persons. In one sad case, the reading for a girl of 20 who had been emotionally unstable from early childhood, showed her to be afflicted by such a low self as well as two other spirits, each of which appears to be "normal", that is, possessing their own middle and low selves. One of these was read as having attached itself to the girl only in the last year or two, and as it was that of a female negress, it caused the Caucasian victim to fall deeply in love with a negro and to prefer the company of negroes to that of her former friends. As this gang of young colored people was very evil, much trouble resulted.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ITEM is that we seem to be getting spirit guides or Guardian Angels of various sexes. I am said to have a female guardian with a reading of 330 degrees. Some High Selves were reported of "mixed" sex, others as female or male. This may tie in eventually to an investigation of the many people who have bodies of one sex but the characteristics of the opposite sex. If we have understood Huna correctly, the High Self should register both sexes in every case.

Work is being done by one of the HRAs to see if we can get the degree reading for everything from insects up through birds and beasts to man. His readings begin with 2 degrees for the lower forms and have risen to 6 degrees for pet lizzards. This is a most promising project and I hope in time to be able to run some tests myself. I have been concentrating on trying to find out the degree reading of the low self when separated from its own middle self and found (through a P.A. reading) to have fastened itself as an "eating companion" to a living person. In two cases I have obtained readings, these being 154 for one and 160 for the other. As a moron has, supposedly, a middle self, even if it is almost unable to use inductive reason, and as morons were found by Dr. Brunler to have readings as low as 218 degrees, I am wondering whether we may learn that the low self runs naturally from 100 to 200 degrees, according to its stage of growth, and, perhaps, the middle self from 200 on up, with the middle self (and perhaps an ingredient from the reading of the High Self) having its degree reading lowered when a combination reading is taken of the low and middle self as a pair. Our HRA who is working on readings for the lower forms of life, made a strange reading for me which makes me wonder if it was my middle self alone that he measured when he got many degrees higher for me than the 382 reading made for me by Dr. Brunler. I would appreciate any work any of you may do along these testing lines and report to me the results. I have no dog or cat (except the imaginary "Cigbo") and find nothing at hand to test at the moment unless it be the many June bugs which are gobbling our figs, and whom, if I read them, my distastewould be certain to lower any true degree indication.

FREE WILL, PROPHECIES AND THEORIES, as touched upon in the last H. V., brought several comments from HRAs.

One objected to what I had written in trying to add the item to the survey of religions now in work, and asked me to read again what I had said and decide whether I had not made a mistake or had not said what I meant. I have gone over the material, and for the life of me cannot see what the objection was caused by. To my eye it seems that I said what I wanted to say. But as it was not specified just where the trouble lay, I cannot argue or make a correction. Another HRA asked a friend to send me literature on the books by Stewart Robb, "Prophecies on World Events by Nostradamus," and "Nostradamus on Napoleon." (Paperbacks with fine large print and about 137 pages, at \$1 each to be had from Oracle Press, P.O. Box 142, Kew Gardens 15, N.Y.) These books are the most impressive of any I have seen on the thousand odd quatrains containing cryptic predictions of things to come, and covering world events from the middle years of 1540 through to the year 2000. Stewart Robb has done a remarkable job of finding the secreted meanings in the prophecies and presenting them against the background of what later happened. The results argue loudly that events are foreordained because they can be foreseen well ahead of their coming. However, the question is not directly taken up, otherwise there would have much theorizing, without a doubt. What we seem to need is a set of predictions, half of which are allowed to fall out as predicted, while the other half are tested by seeing what man can do to change or to prevent the events.

If we accept predestination, we may be unable to qualify our acceptance and to say that we have free will even in the smallest things. But to reject predestination entirely would be to challenge the evidence accumulated to prove that at least part of the future can be seen under certain circumstances. In Christianity the problem has been fought over down the centuries, but in India where the belief is strong in karma, man is thought to make his own decisions and act for good or bad. The problem is very like that of trying with our limited human intellects to understand how Ultimate God must be and must do things.

The Nostradamus predictions, by the way, became few and far apart where our time is concerned, but Stewart Robb feels that we have about 12 years ahead of us before the present uneasy peace is broken with a war in which cities will be wiped out in a single night. Finally, in the seventh month of the year 1999, the prediction tells of "A great king of terror (who) will descend from the skies" and that "Mars will reign for the good cause." Mr. Robb suggests that we may have in this an intimation that men from Mars may arrive and play the deciding part. Before that time a "bloody war" will last twenty-seven years.....but get the book and have a look at the prophecies and commentary yourself. A person now 25 years old may live long enough to see this "end of the age" arrive. Nostradamus seems to have seen nothing after the year 2,000 A.D.

SPEAKING OF PREDICTIONS, the saucer man from Venus reported by one of the HRAs, (as mentioned in a recent H.V.,) has obliged through more automatic writing when asked if he could see ahead and make some predictions for us. He signs himself "Warren Antonne" He writes, "I do not blame Mr. Long for being concerned over earth conditions. It seems that the entire planet is going through a phase of growing pains. There is much to do before the turbulence comes to some sensible conclusion. From our Venus point of view we do not see any big conflict. It is because America holds the key to the events, with our

help. The Russian big top men are talking because they must do so to keep rattling the swords or else their own heads are in danger. That is the way they keep control of their people, keeping them in constant fear of invasion. They still remember the German invasion and quickly fall into line. That talk is mostly for home consumption. You want to know how the cold war will come out. From our point of view it will fizzle out gradually and everyone will be just where they started. There will be brushes here and there including a few changes, as there always are. The earth planet's map has gone through many changes each generation or two going through an upheaval. That also means progress, often painful, but growing slowly towards the higher development of the earth people.

"The Divine One has many schools, so that His children can learn their lessons in each phase of life. We on Venus are graduates. Also, we teach through spiritual contact. We have had a hand in many things bringing higher development, and will be back again to lead the way when the time is ripe." (The P.A. reading taken from the writing gives the same result as from the writing of the HRA through whom the spirit communicates: ↗ 337 degrees. No matter what else we may conclude after examining the readings, we can be happily sure that the intentions are good.)

CHANGING THE FUTURE, once it has been set more or less in the aka substance of the level on which the High Selves work, is a basic belief of Huna (if we have reconstructed it correctly). In the old days the kahunas were kept busy looking into the future and trying to "change the luck", as it was put in the beginning of modern times. For the individual this was usually possible. I had it done for me years ago in Hawaii, as I have told in my book SSBM. (The exact instructions were given which enabled me to sell my business, when all efforts had failed.) Healing of a disease or illness instead of letting it run its course is changing the future. Experience has taught me that when one sets out to get a change in the individual future with the help of Huna-type prayer to the High Self, the old future which had been made and was on the way to eventualizing, breaks up, and parts of the bad things seem to happen with a rush, but the storm is tempered to the lamb and if one sits tight, the bad is lived through and the good which has been pictured steadily and asked for, begins to arrive. Prayer is a part of most great religions, and the fact that the faithful ask a higher something to help bring about desired events, argues well for a general belief in at least a fair amount of free will. Let me say again what I have said in books and Bulletins: I believe that the kahunas thought that the hopes and fears as well as the things one expects to happen, furnish the thought-form "seeds" from which the High Selves seem almost automatically to shape the future.

The old argument for predestination is that as God is all-knowing, He must know everything that will ever happen, therefore, even if one sees trouble ahead and does something to avoid it, still, God would have known that one would foresee the predestined trouble and avoid it. In this way the avoidance is part of the predestined course of events. The flaw in the argument is the assumption that we know what God is and that He thinks just as men do, only on a large scale, and that He is able to predestine everything because of the overwhelming POWER to prevent his plans from going wrong. This argument falls flat if for no other reason than that we see all about us the working of "chance". What looks like a predestined perfect wheat harvest on Tuesday, may be hit by rain and wind on Wednesday and the entire picture changed. Also, we do well to see accidents happening on the physical level of the low self at least. I like this Huna line far better than that of karma.

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